

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 999 as passed by the Seventy-Eighth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

The author of House Bill No. 999 requested that this bill be vetoed because it conflicts with House Bill No. 1606, which requires political candidates and officeholders to file reports electronically as part of a major effort to strengthen the state's ethics laws. I have signed House Bill No. 1606.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 2003.

Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

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Secretary of State

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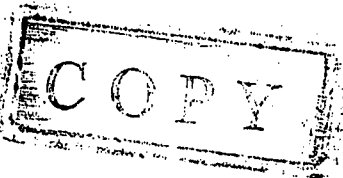
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June 10, 2003

The Honorable Rick Perry
Texas State Governor
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711



Dear Governor Perry:

I authored House Bill 999 to strengthen the electronic disclosure requirements for campaign finance reports by removing certain of the exemptions from such reporting. My goal was to ensure that campaign disclosure reports were quickly and easily available to the public. At the time I pushed House Bill 999 through the Legislature, the fate of House Bill 1606--the comprehensive ethics legislation that I strongly supported--remained uncertain. However, now that House Bill 1606 has been passed, a potential source of confusion and conflict may result if both bills are signed. House Bill 1606 also dealt with the exemption from electronic disclosure, but in a slightly different and more comprehensive way. I support the approach to this issue taken by House Bill 1606. Assuming that you intend to sign House Bill 1606, I propose that you veto House Bill 999 so as to avoid any unnecessary conflicts and confusion in the law.

Thank you for carefully weighing this request, and know I fully back whatever will be your final decision in connection with this matter.

Respectfully,

Jerry A. Madden

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